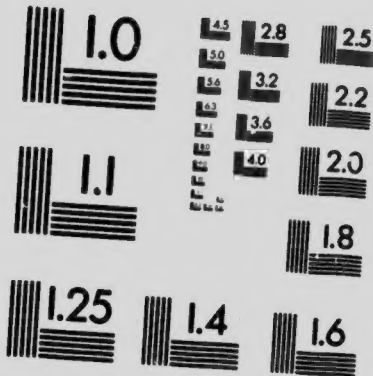


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“GAMEYISM.”

The notorious R. R. Gamey is still to the front. He is now one of the prominent members of the Conservative party, and one of the chief supporters of Mr. Whitney in the House and on the public platform. In view of the torrents of hypocritical abuse hurled at the Liberal party by the Tory press and speakers, the Electors of Ontario should not forget what manner of man, by his own sworn admission, Mr. Gamey is. Yet he was next to his leader the chief figure at the recent Conservative “conference” in Toronto, and seems to have attained to a leading position in the party which talks loudly of electoral purity, but has a record never equalled in the election courts. This is the man that party delights to honor, and speaks of as a probable Minister of the Crown. The vast public domain of this Province, however, husbanded and preserved to us by the Liberal party, is too noble an heritage to intrust its administration to such a man as Gamey and his associates.

The following extracts are taken verbatim from the official report of the Royal Commission which investigated the Gamey charges against the Hon. J. R. Stratton, and whose finding was:—

“In our opinion the corrupt charges stand disproved by a great body of evidence, which appears to be more accurate and creditable than that adduced in support thereof.”

THE CROSSIN CASH BOOK.

Mr. E. Crossin, cross-examined by Mr. Johnston:—

Q.—Will you look at your ledger, please? A.—This is the book that would show any cash deposited. As a matter of fact that leaf should have come right in there, but I cannot find it, it was not there.

Q.—What leaf? A.—There is a leaf out of there.

Q.—And you think the leaves were there on Friday? A.—I think they were. I have every reason to suppose they were.

Q.—Now, was Mr. Gamey at your place on Saturday? A.—This last Saturday? He was there Saturday morning.

Q.—He was there in your office? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And was there for some considerable time? A.—I cannot tell. He was there when I arrived back at the factory.

Q.—Was he there more than once on Saturday? A.—Yes.

Q.—Two or three times? A.—Yes, he was there twice to my knowledge.

Q.—And the first time you noticed the mutilation of the books was on Saturday afternoon? A.—Yes. Late.

Q.—Then did you see Mr. Gamey since Saturday afternoon? A.—No, sir; I have not seen him since.

SLIPPING THE SLIP.

Frank R. Howarth, Receiving Teller, Ontario Bank, examined by Mr. Johnston:—

Q.—Did you see Mr. Gamey on the 18th of April, Saturday week? A.—I did.

Q.—About what hour? A.—About 10 a.m., I should think.

Q.—He came to your wicket, I understand? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did he say anything to you? A.—He asked to see the Crossin Company deposit slip of the 11th of September, 1902.

Q.—And did you go and get the slip? A.—I did.

Q.—And did you show it to Mr. Gamey? A.—I did.

Q.—What did Mr. Gamey do? A.—He looked at it a moment, and then he said he wished to make a copy of it. He turned around to the desk in front of my wicket.

Q.—How long was he there? A.—Well, I should say about two or three minutes.

Q.—Then what was the next thing that he did? A.—He came back and passed a deposit slip in the wicket.

Q.—What was on the deposit slip that you gave him that morning? A.—Nine one hundred dollar bills.

Q.—Date? A.—The 11th of September, 1902.

Q.—Name of account? A.—Edward Crossin Company.

Q.—Look at Exhibit 67, and tell me how you got that? A.—This is the slip that Mr. Gamey passed in to me.

Q.—In place of what? A.—In place of the slip with nine one hundred dollar bills.

Q.—And this slip reads, "E. Crossin & Co. Deposited by E. Crossin 11th September, 1902. 10 x 5, 20 x 10, 30 x 20, 1 x 50." Not added up Of course you saw at once that was not the slip you gave him? A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Did you give him the original slip to take away with him? A.—I did not.

Q.—Then, when you got this slip, which you say of course is not a genuine slip? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Anybody I suppose would know that. Did you see the initials, or an initial on the bottom? A.—Yes, I noticed that.

Mr. Johnston: Could that slip have passed through your bank? A.—No, it could not. Not in the shape it is in.

Q.—Then what did you do when you got this slip? A.—I called Mr. Gamey. He passed it right in and walked out.

James Brown, Accountant of Ontario Bank, examined by Mr. Johnston:—

Q.—Then did you see Mr. R. R. Gamey on that day—Saturday, the 18th April? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Then Mr. Gamey and Mr. Crossin came down to the bank right away, or shortly afterwards. A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you hear what Mr. Gamey said about this? A.—Yes. He said you must have been mistaken. He said that is the slip I got from the teller.

Q.—Did he see the slip then? A.—Yes, I had it in my hands.

Q.—And he still persisted that that was the slip he got from the teller. Then what did you say? What position did you take in the matter?

The Chancellor: What was said, if you can tell.

Witness: I told him—I said that is not the slip—the teller tells me that the denominations are different. I said it is not the slip.

Mr. Johnston: And what did he say? A.—Well, he persisted for some time that it was the slip, and when I said, well, it is not—in some respects it is not even like it, I said to him, now we come to look into it—in short

I said it is not the slip, and when he saw that we were positive on that point he said then he must have lost the original slip.

Q.—Then did you see Mr. Gamey on the same day again? A.—Yes, sir, again about 3 o'clock that afternoon.

Q.—He came into the bank, as I understand? A.—He came into the bank—yes.

Q.—And what did he do or say? Just tell us what took place? A.—He came to my wicket, and he said—he produced a slip, and put it through my wicket, and he said he had found the slip. He was very sorry he had given us so much trouble in the matter, but that just a minute before he had discovered that the slip had slipped into his glove.

The Chancellor: Had slipped into his glove?

Q.—Did you look at the slip again, Exhibit 66? A.—I had looked at it between the twice he had called.

Q.—And what had you discovered, if anything? A.—I had discovered that it was still not the proper slip.

Q.—That is Exhibit 66; that it still was not the proper slip? Did you say anything to him about that? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Now, was that slip, Exhibit 66, in the same crumpled condition when you got it on the 18th as it is now? A.—It was.

Remember that the deposit was nine hundred dollars, consisting of nine one hundred dollar bills, and the genuine slip showed that. Gamey swears that the \$900 was part of \$3,000 corruptly received by him and Frank Sullivan. If so, why destroy all means of tracing it to its source by making away with the slip and putting in its place one designating bills of different and small denominations.

THE FLIGHT TO BUFFALO.

Between the time the evidence last above quoted was given and that immediately following, Gamey fled to Buffalo. He returned and was recalled by the Court, and in answer to the Chancellor said:—

The Chancellor: Do you wish to make any statement about those slips?

Witness: I felt, when Mr. Johnston has been so kind as to inform The Globe newspaper that he was going to take criminal action against me, when he is so kind as to tell your Lordships he is going to report all this to

that point.

the Crown Attorney, I felt that I had better make that statement in the criminal case, when it comes up. Otherwise I would be delighted.

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I wondered just this, too. While I have no counsel here to-day, and while I have not had any counsel to stand up for me at the time I was away in Buffalo, and protest against the putting in of that evidence—I want to ask my Lords to-day if that evidence is relevant to this case at all, that Mr. Johnston so kindly put in in regard to the deposit slips, and those things? I cannot understand how it is relevant to this case at all. He was allowed to put it in, and there was no counsel here to object on my behalf.

The Chancellor: It was perfectly relevant, and your interests were protected by counsel who were here. You were not overlooked.

Mr. Johnston: There are two statements here which I think I ought to call your Lordship's attention to, on the 21st day of April.

The Chancellor: That will suffice, Mr. Gamey. You do not wish to say any more upon that subject?

Mr. Gamey: No, my Lord.

GAMEY'S EXPLANATIONS OF THE \$900.

R. R. Gamey in answer to the Chancellor:—

Q.—I suppose you followed the course of the evidence here with some care? A.—Yes, my Lord.

Q.—And you know what has been said about the payment on the 11th September? You stated the money, \$1,500, was paid to you on that day. Now, we are in search of the owner of that money, whether it was legitimate money of yours, or whether it was money paid corruptly, which should be forfeited to the Crown. You have heard what has been said by various witnesses. You gave the history of that package, coming from Mr. Stratton, then to Mr. Myers, then to Mr. Chase, then to you and Sullivan. You have heard that Mr. Stratton denies that, Mr. Chase denies that, Mr. Myers denies that, Mr. Sullivan denies that. You have heard further that on this day, the 11th, when you say the money was paid in the forenoon, Mr. Boland was all that morning with Mr. Stratton, accompanied him downtown, Mr. Boland saying there was no opportunity for you to see Mr. Stratton on that day; Myers and Costello say you were not there with Mr. Sullivan on any day but the ninth. Your partner, Mr. Crossin, says that on the morning of that day, the forenoon of that day, the time that you say you were interviewing Mr. Stratton getting the money, that on the forenoon of that day you paid \$900 into the Ontario Bank. A.—He is mistaken.

Q.—In the face of all that evidence, do you still adhere to your statement that this money was paid to you on the morning of the 11th? A.—Why, certainly, my Lord, most decidedly so. Mr. Crossin is mistaken as to the payment of the \$900 in the forenoon. It was paid in the afternoon. The bank books will show it.

Q.—They are all mistaken? Not Mr. Crossin alone? A.—But I say the bank books will show that Mr. Crossin is mistaken, and that the money was paid in on the afternoon of the 11th—the \$900 in the Crossin business.

Q.—Where did the \$900 come from? A.—It was part of the half that Mr. Sullivan received. Mr. Sullivan and I divided the \$3,000 and took \$1,500 each. And then I received of his \$1,500 a loan of \$1,200, for which I gave him my I.O.U., and there were ten \$100 bills in the loan which I received from him, and the balance were fifties, and I put nine \$100 bills that into the Ontario bank the same afternoon, and I put the other \$100 bill in Hearst & Burck's bank at Gore Bay, and the \$50 when I returned.

The Chancellor: Mr. Gamey, this perhaps is relevant. This is published here. Just come into the box and speak as to this.

Q.—It is said here, in this newspaper, The Toronto World, apparently an interview with a reporter, and I suppose the reporter is available?

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Cox.

The Chancellor: "How do you account for that \$900 deposit? That is very easily explained. I arranged some time before with Mr. Crossin to put \$900 into the business. I collected the money during the summer. The \$900 had nothing to do whatever with the \$1,500 bribe."

Witness: Just let me say, my Lord, that part of that is correct, but the part of it I do not assume the correctness of at all. I arranged with Mr. Crossin to give part of the money—

Q.—But the important part is, "I collected the money during the summer." A.—What I said was it was private funds, and I considered the loan from Sullivan as a private deal entirely. I said that had nothing to do with the \$1,500. That is the way that was put.

Q.—That is your explanation?

Mr. Johnston: There are four papers in which it is published by four different reporters.

The Chancellor: The same thing, I suppose?

Mr. Johnston: That he collected the \$900 from different sources during the summer on the Island.

The Chancellor: That he collected the money during the summer.

Witness: I probably did not say that at all. I do not remember whether that was said or not. I will not say positively whether it was or not.

Q.—If it was said it was not true? Is that it? Is that what you say? A.—Yes, it was not true. I have explained to you where the \$900 came from.

Q.—And you have explained here apparently, according to this report—where is the newspaper?

Mr. Johnston: It is marked there, my Lord. "I collected the money during the summer." "During the whole summer I was engaged in gathering the money together from various sources."

The Chancellor: "During the whole summer I was engaged." This is The Daily News of Wednesday.

Witness: I do not remember the different reporters who were there.

Q.—Please listen to this. "During the whole summer I was engaged in gathering the money together from various sources, and in September, when I came down to Toronto, I brought the money and paid it to Mr. Crossin."

What do you say as to that? A.—That is not true.

Q.—That is not correct? A.—No.

The Chancellor: Very well. Then we will keep those papers on file. You can call witnesses on that point, Mr. Johnston, if you wish to corroborate those statements, because this is new information we get for the first time about the \$900.

Witness: I am willing to admit I told the papers.

The Chancellor: Just stop talking and leave the box.

